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REMARKS

Claim 1 is currently pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to more accurately and completely describe the claimed invention. Claims 2-20 have been added to further clarify and distinguish the invention of the present disclosure.

It is believed that the amendments as presented herein, as well as the remarks below, address each of the Examiner's objections and rejections of the claim(s).

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S. C. § 101

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 based on double patenting of the "same invention" as that claimed in claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,633,282 to Monroe. (NOTE: the Examiner erroneously identified U.S. Patent No. 6,333,282 as the relevant prior art, however Applicant believes the patent to Monroe is the patent of interest). In response to this rejection, and consistent with the Examiner's comments, Applicant has amended claim 1 to disclose an invention not claimed in the cited patent. Specifically, the application as amended claims a method for manually generating and entering alphanumeric and graphic data into a computer system. No such method is claimed in the previous Monroe patent. Support for the amendment is found in the specification of the current application, page 2, paragraph 29 through page 3, paragraph 36, and Figures 1-6.

New claims 2-20 have been added to the present application, via this Office Action amendment, to better describe and fully disclose Applicant's invention. As with amended claim 1, support for these new claims is found in the specification, specifically page 2, paragraph 29 through page 3, paragraph 36, and Figures 1-6.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons given above, and after careful review of the Examiner's comments and the cited reference, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 1 as amended is no longer valid, and as such Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn. Applicant has addressed all issues raised in the Office Action dated 2 November 2005, and respectfully solicits a

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Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-20. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant requests a three month extension of time to file a response to the Office Action. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees to deposit account 12-0600 referencing the Attorney docket number 442648.

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